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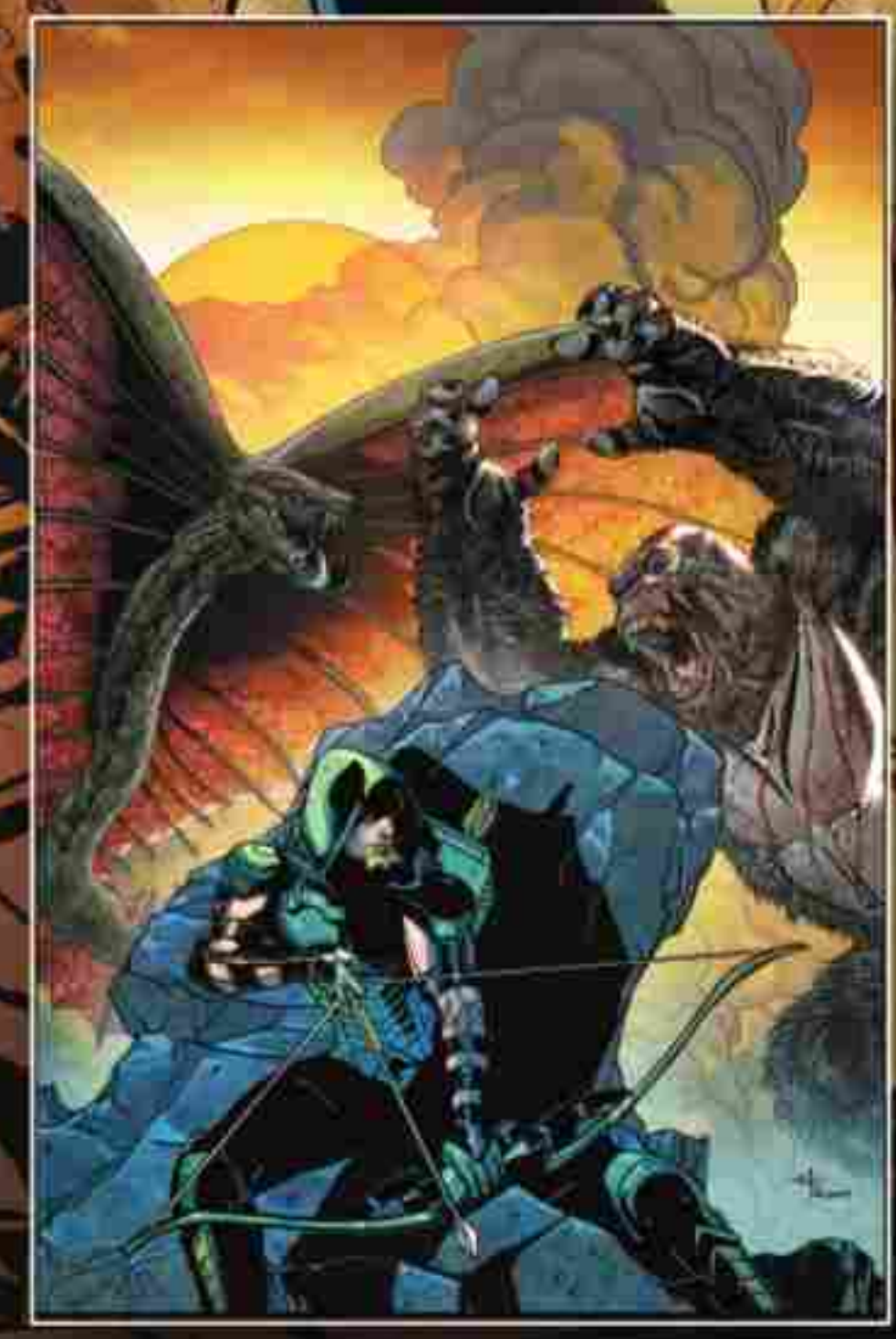
**THE KING OF
SKULL ISLAND
ENTERS THE
BATTLE!**

JUSTICE LEAGUE VS. GODZILLA VS. KONG #3

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**The earth-shattering
crossover event continues.**

December



**Justice League vs.
Godzilla vs. Kong #3**

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GIZMO:
HELLA
GADGETS,
JETPACK,
SHINY BALD
HEAD.



MAMMOTH:
SUPERHUMAN
STRENGTH AND
STAMINA.
MATCHA
ENTHUSIAST.



SEE-MORE:
TELESCOPIC
VISION AND
ENERGY
PROJECTION
FROM HIS EYE.
UNFORTUNATE
NAME.



A.T.L.A.S.:
ADVANCED
STRENGTH
AND AGILITY.
GAMER.
TALKS TOO
MUCH.



**BILLY
NUMEROUS:**
THE ABILITY
TO TURN INTO
A BUNCH OF
GUYS.



JINX:
SORCERESS
WITH EVERY
KINESIS
IMAGINABLE.
FLAWLESS
SKIN.
BEAUTIFUL
HAIR.



**S.T.A.R. LABS
AND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT
ARE UNDER SIEGE, AND THESE
HALF-DOZEN DUMMIES HAVE
BEGUN TO ATTACK
THE CITY.**

**ALONE THEY
DON'T POSE A THREAT,
BUT CLIQUED UP? IT'S
ABOUT TO GET REAL.**

**WHERE IS
CYBERG?**



I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M ENJOYING GAR'S VEGAN PIZZA. HOW DO THEY MAKE IT TASTE LIKE REAL CHEESE?

YOU LIKE THIS? HOW MUCH HAVE YOU EATEN?

LOOK AT US. SOME THINGS NEVER CHANGE.

TITANS TOWER.
BLUDHAVEN.

YOU'RE RIGHT. YOU ALWAYS GET SENTIMENTAL WHEN WE HANG OUT IN THE LIVING ROOM.

THIS ISSUE TAKES PLACE BEFORE THE EVENTS OF *TITANS: BEAST WORLD* #1. --MARQUIS



ESPECIALLY AFTER A DAY OF PATROLLING THE CITY.



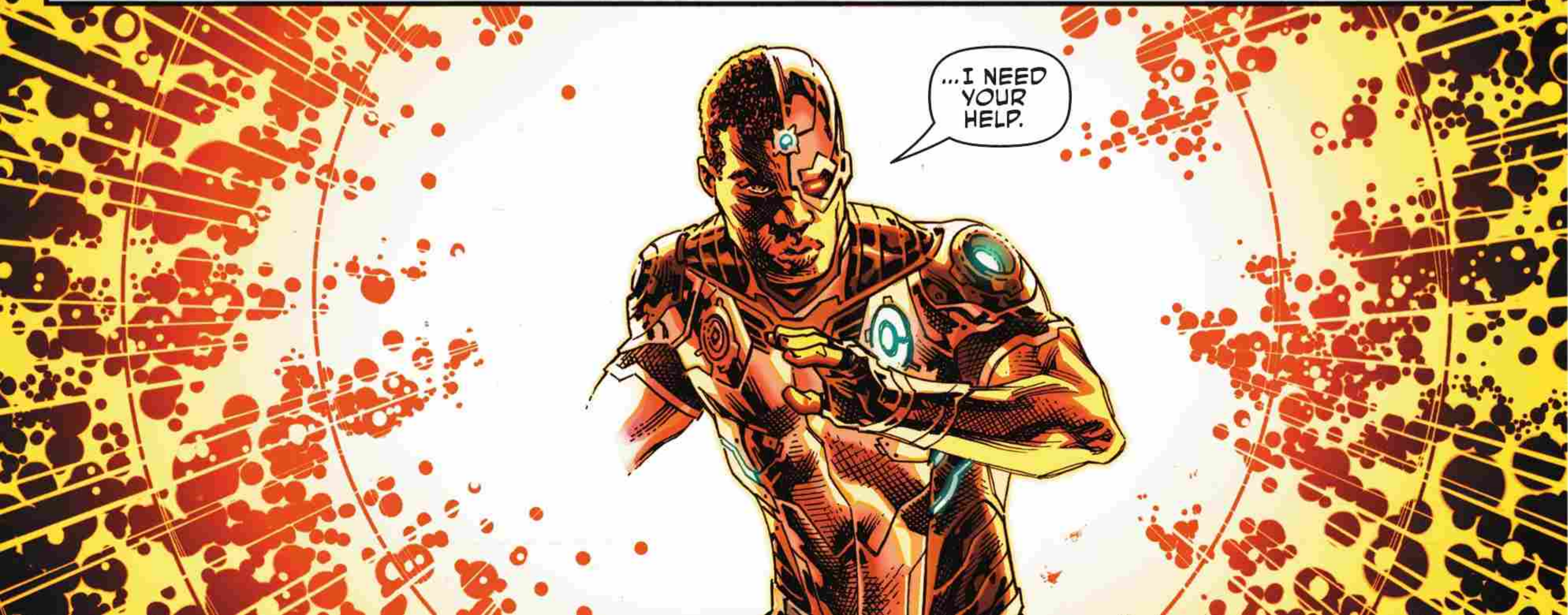
LEAVE DICK ALONE. HE HAS TO FIND DIFFERENT WAYS TO SAY "I LOVE YOU GUYS." OTHERWISE, IT WOULD GET STALE.



BA BOOM

VIC!

SORRY TO BOTHER, BUT...



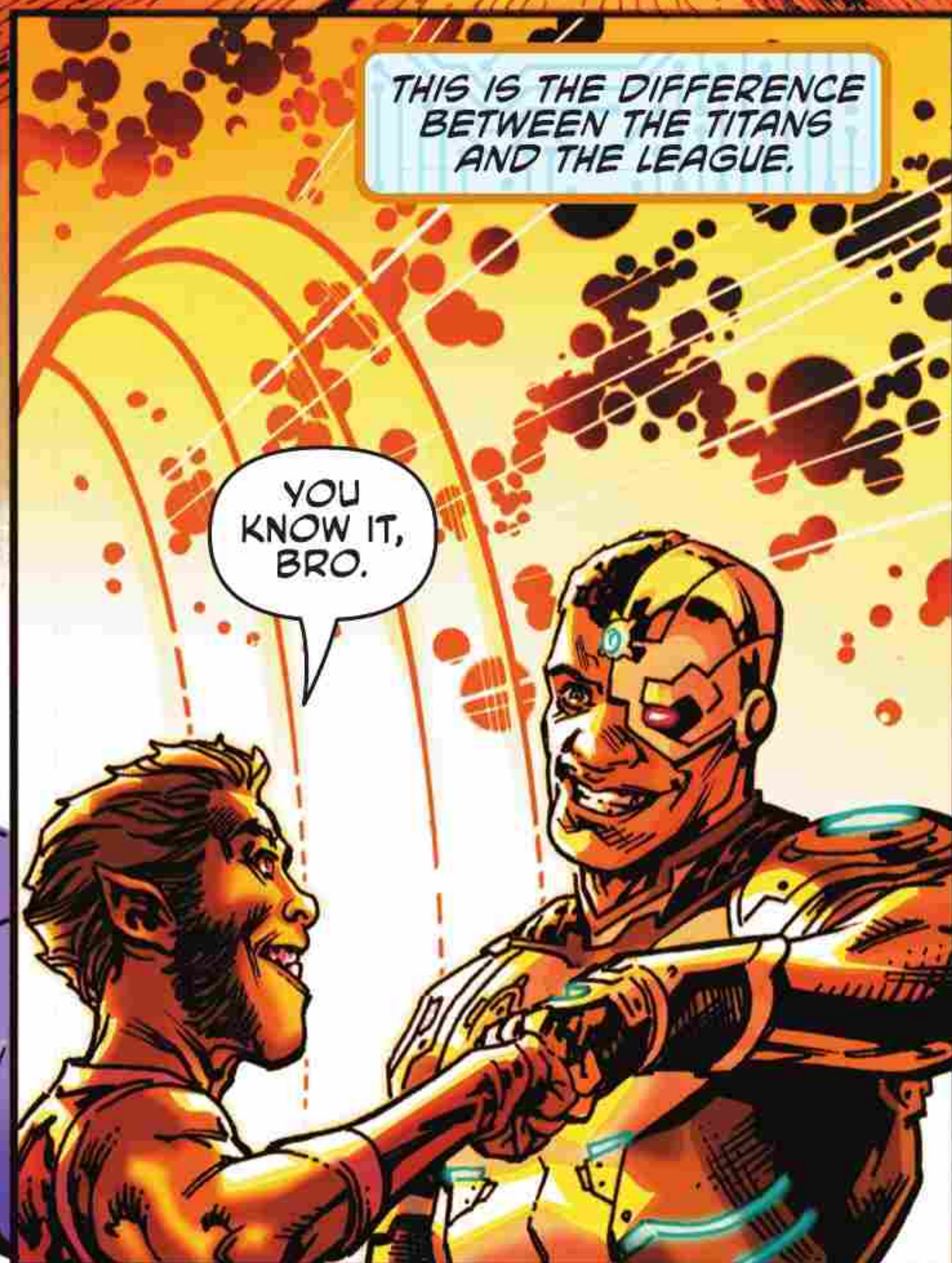
...I NEED YOUR HELP.

DOWNTOWN DETROIT.

YOU'RE RUNNING
POINT ON THIS, VIC.
WHAT DO YOU NEED
US TO DO?

I HAVE TO
RUN OFF-BALL FOR THIS
ONE. S.T.A.R. LABS IS UNDER
ATTACK AND THERE'S A
BREAKOUT AT THE POLICE
STATION.

MATCH UP
BY POWER SETS,
AND TIRE OUT A.T.L.A.S.
SO YOU CAN ALL TAKE
HIM ON AT ONCE. CAN
Y'ALL HOLD IT DOWN
WHILE I'M GONE?



THIS IS THE DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN THE TITANS
AND THE LEAGUE.

YOU
KNOW IT,
BRO.



THE
TITANS ARE
HERE!

WE'RE ALL
ON EQUAL
FOOTING.



THERE'S NO
TRYING TO FIT IN.

HANDS.

AT THIS POINT, THE
TITANS ARE MORE
THAN FRIENDS.

THEY'RE MORE THAN
FAMILY, IF THAT'S
EVEN POSSIBLE.

TITANS...





A
REMATCH TO
SETTLE THE
SCORE!



SORRY,
A.T.L.A.S.,
I GOTTA
RUN.

NIGHTWING
WILL BE YOUR
DANCE PARTNER
THIS TIME.

LONG TIME
NO SEE,
BIG GUY.

FSHH

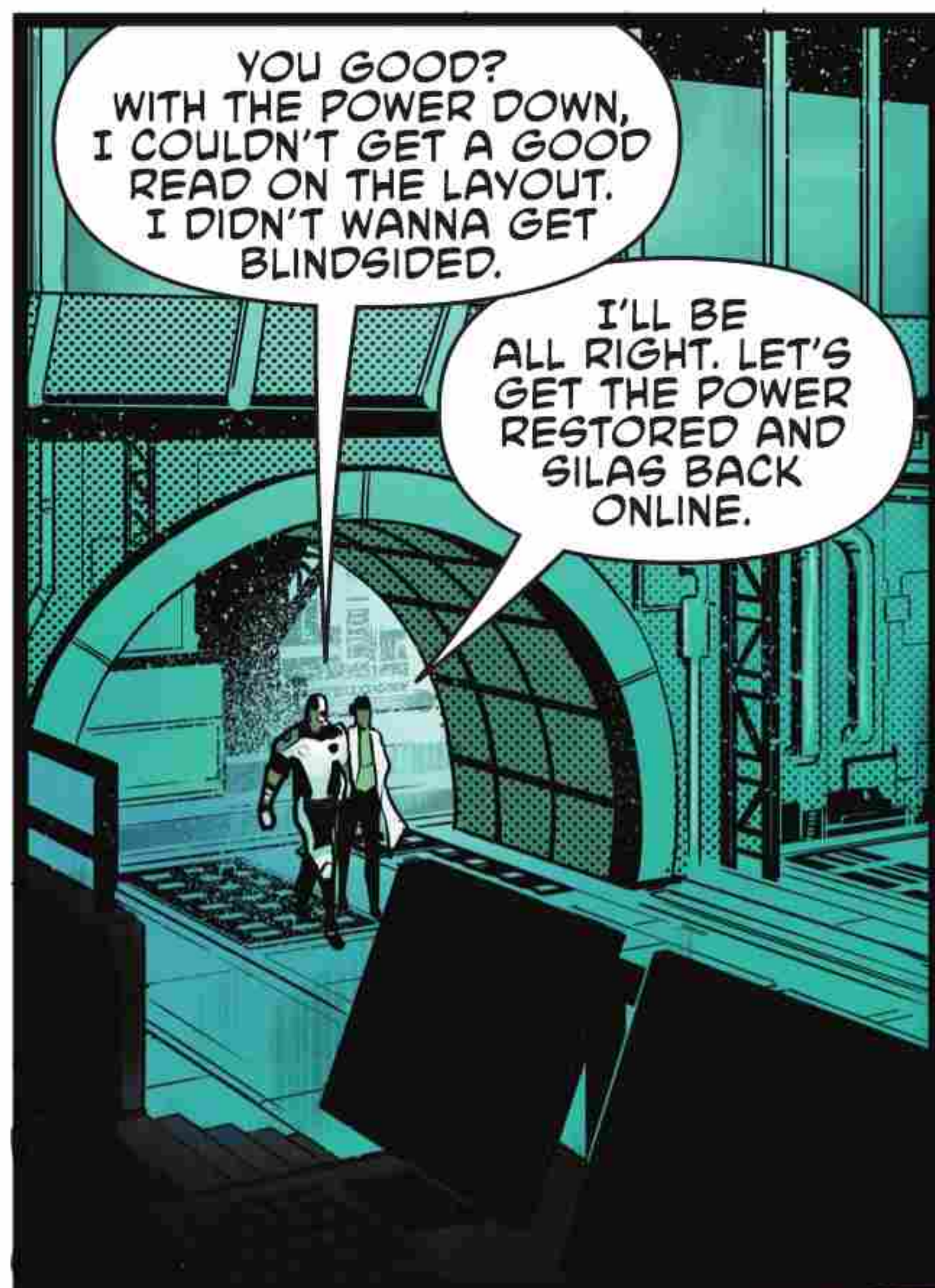
FSHH



COWARD!

CYBORG
SAYS YOU
HAVEN'T
CHANGED
ONE BIT.





YOU GOOD?
WITH THE POWER DOWN,
I COULDN'T GET A GOOD
READ ON THE LAYOUT.
I DIDN'T WANNA GET
BLINDSIDED.

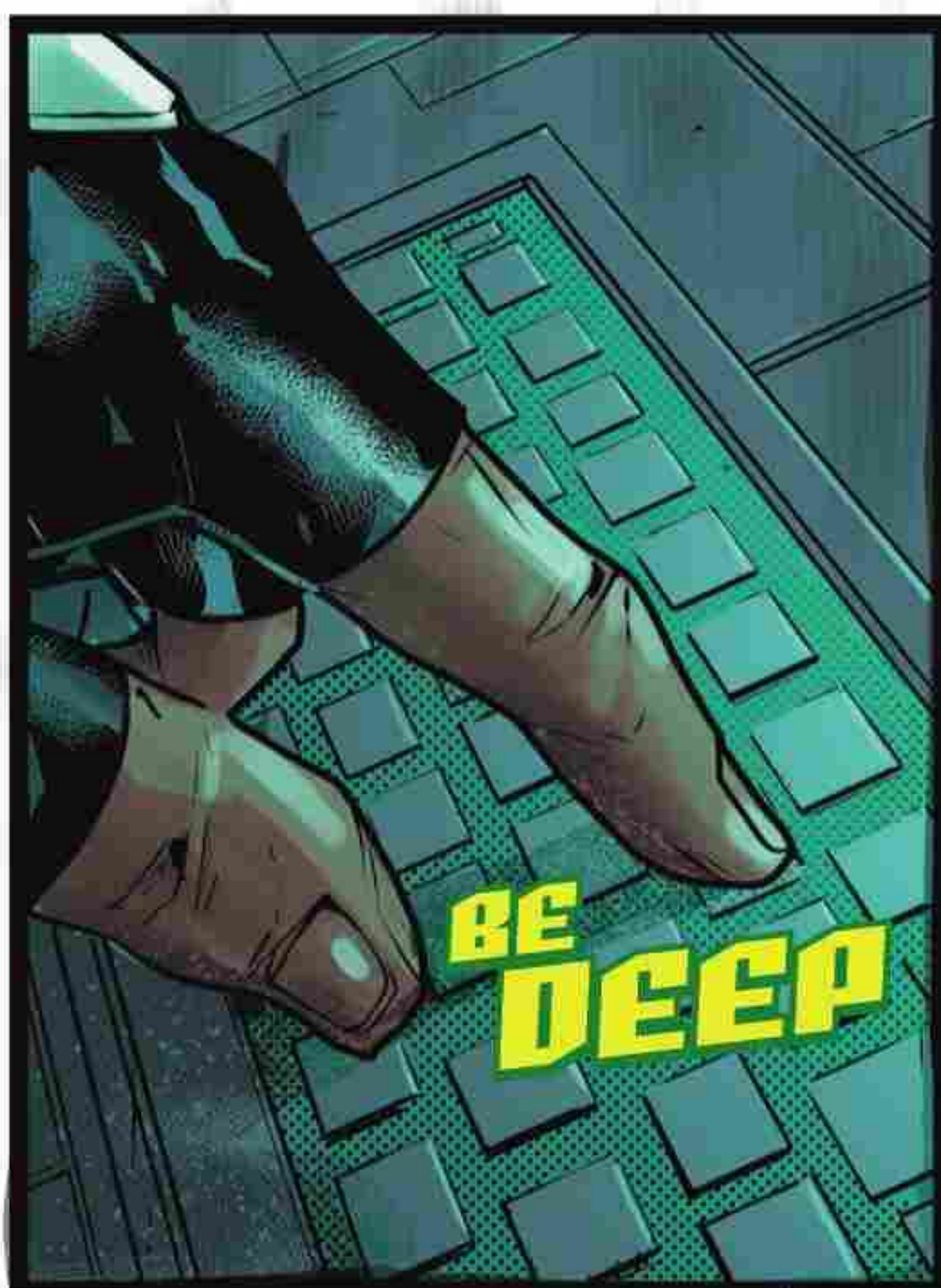
I'LL BE
ALL RIGHT. LET'S
GET THE POWER
RESTORED AND
SILAS BACK
ONLINE.



CAN YOU HANDLE
THE CLEANUP HERE? I'VE
GOTTA GET TO THE POLICE
DEPARTMENT.

OH,
SO YOU KNOW
WHAT'S GOING
DOWN?

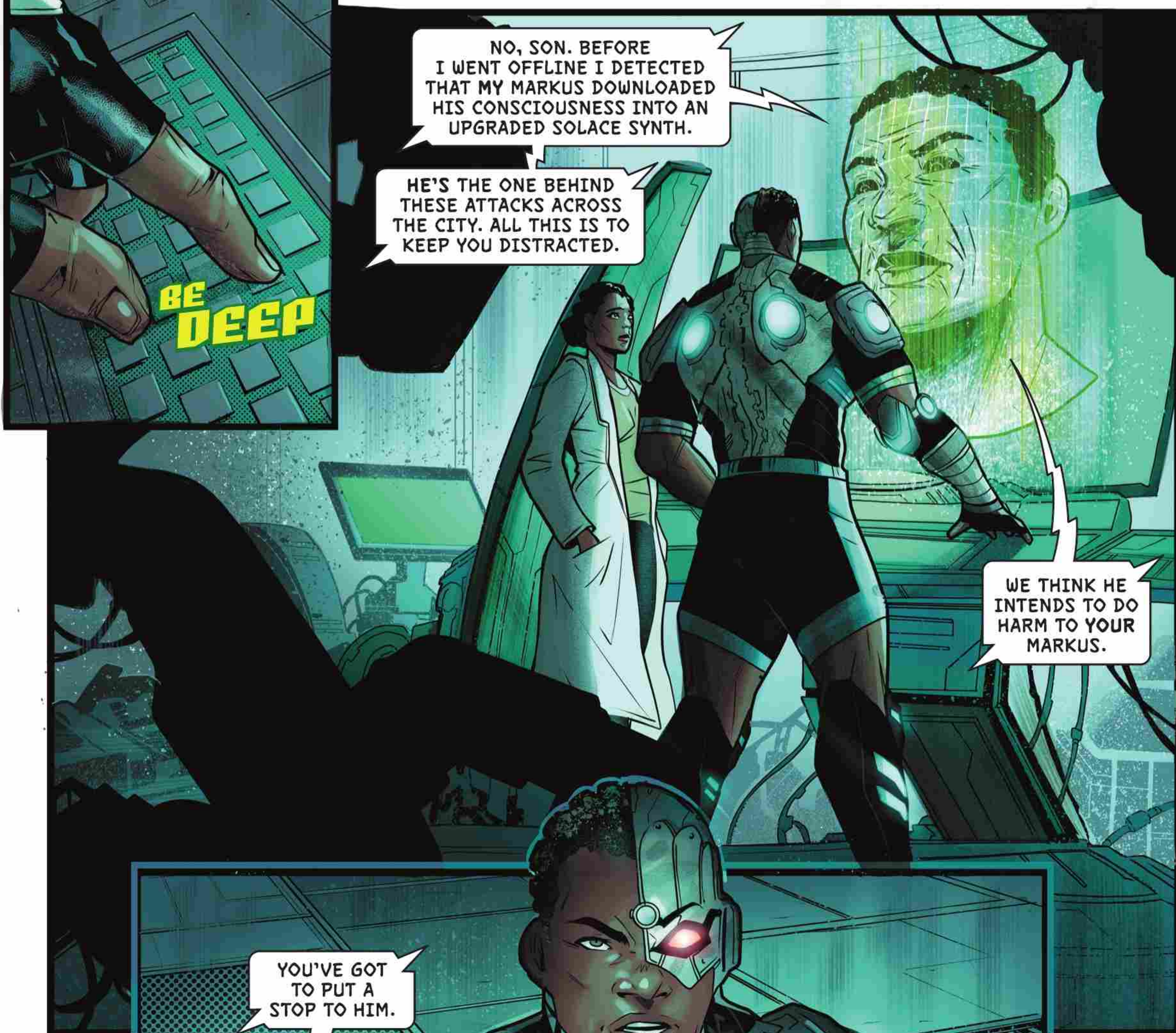
THAT
MARKUS IS
TRYING TO
ESCAPE?
YEAH.



**BE
DEEP**

NO, SON. BEFORE
I WENT OFFLINE I DETECTED
THAT MY MARKUS DOWNLOADED
HIS CONSCIOUSNESS INTO AN
UPGRADED SOLACE SYNTH.

HE'S THE ONE BEHIND
THESE ATTACKS ACROSS
THE CITY. ALL THIS IS TO
KEEP YOU DISTRACTED.



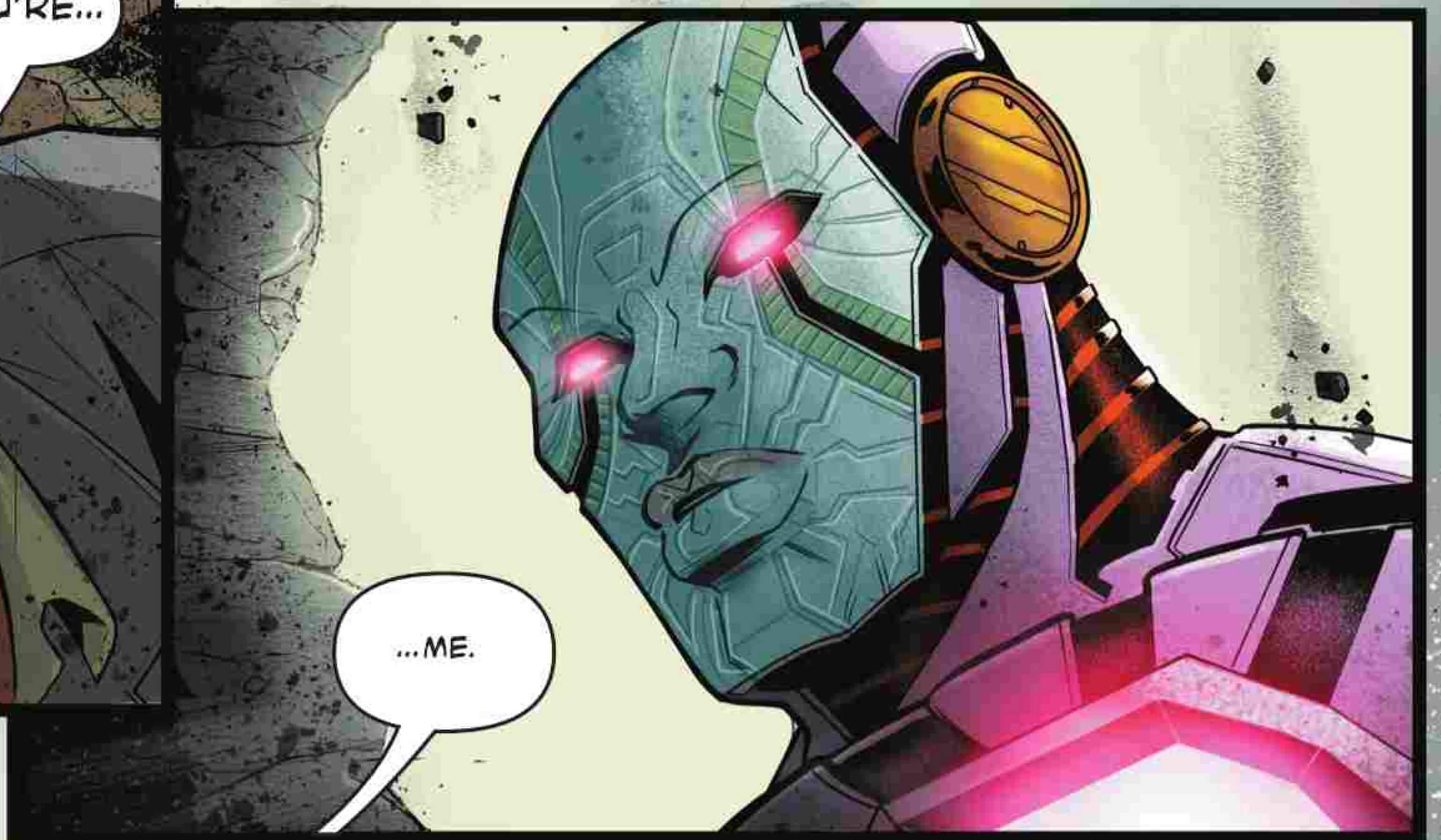
WE THINK HE
INTENDS TO DO
HARM TO YOUR
MARKUS.



YOU'VE GOT
TO PUT A
STOP TO HIM.



YOU'RE...



...ME.



I'M MORE
THAN YOU,
MARKUS.

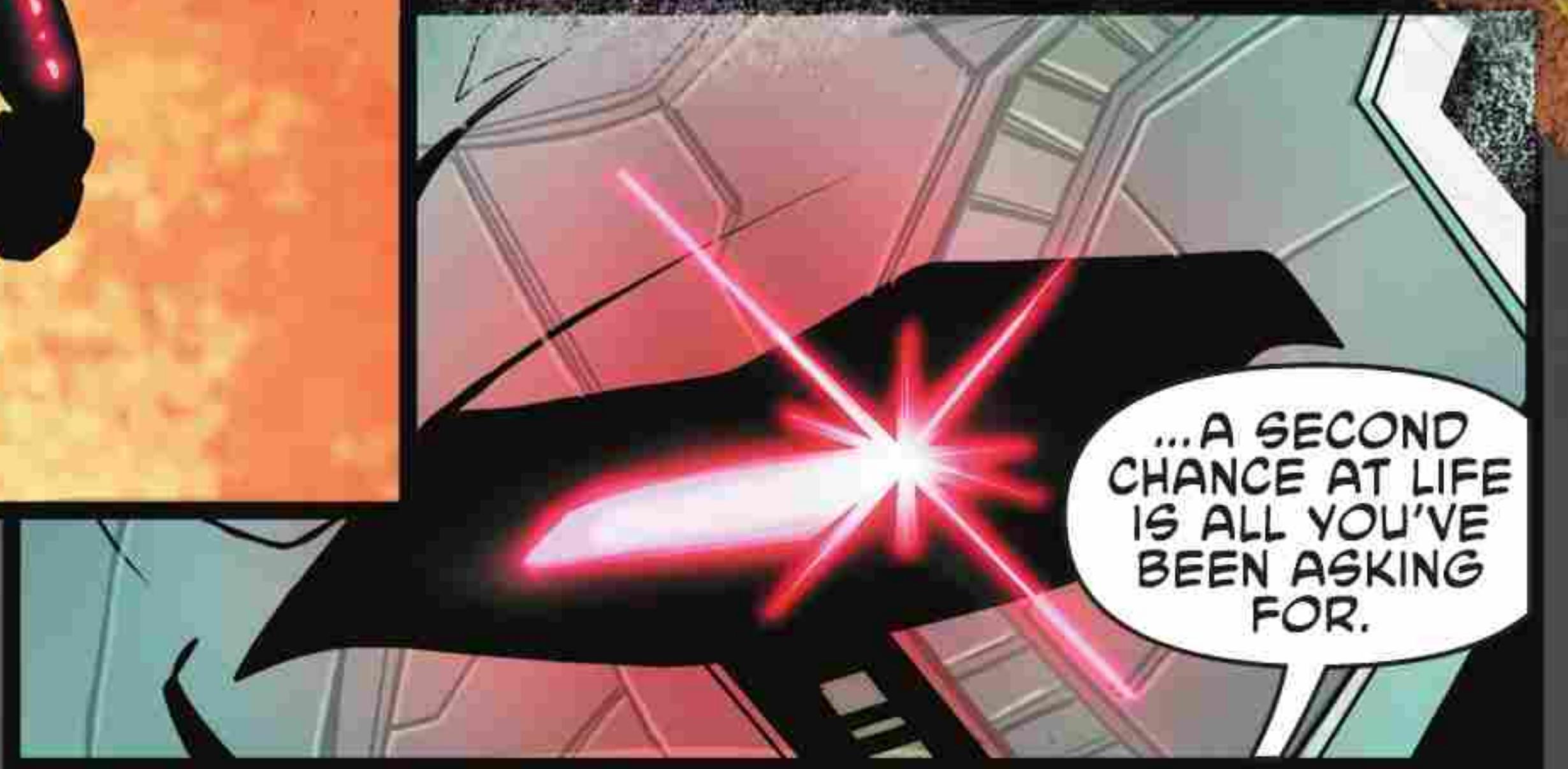
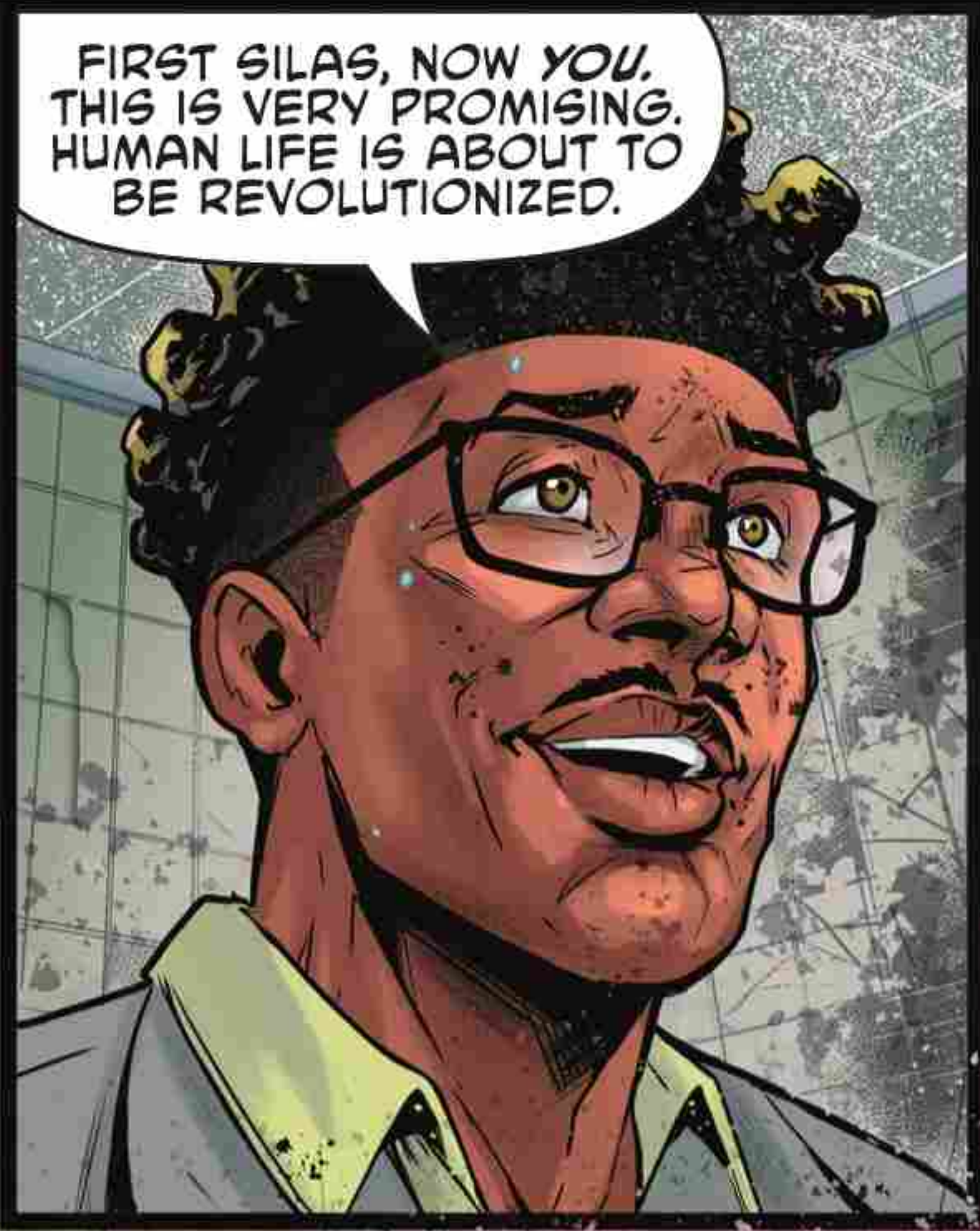
I'M YOUR
DREAMS REALIZED.
EVERYTHING YOU PUT
INTO YOUR COMPANY
IN A SINGLE SHELL.

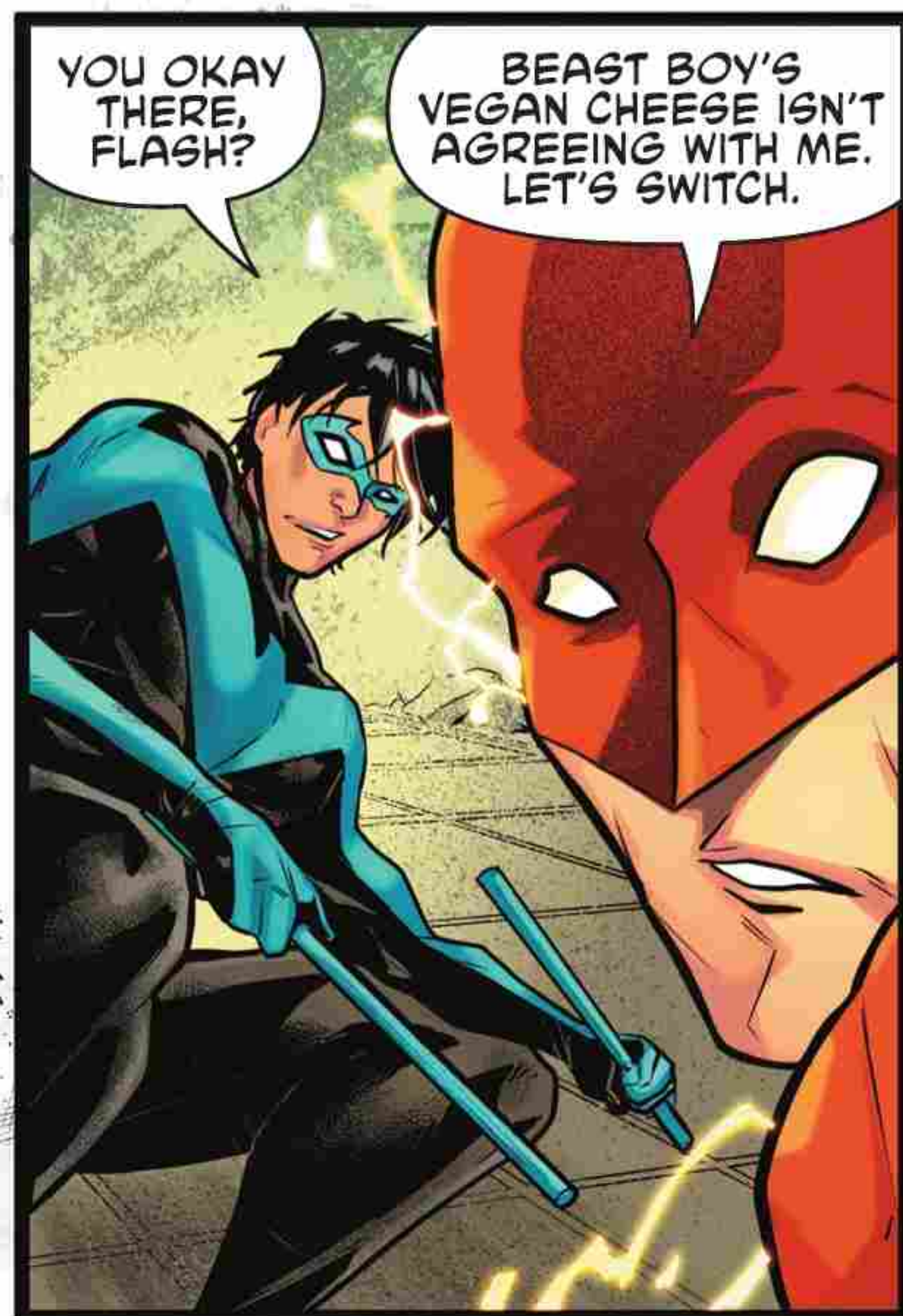
DOWNTOWN DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT.



I AM
SOLACE.









THAT ALL YOU GOT, STARFIRE? YOU MUST BE GETTING OLD.

ARE THOSE CROW'S FEET AROUND HER EYES? COULDN'T BE ME.



I DO NOT HAVE CROW'S FEET!



GHOOM

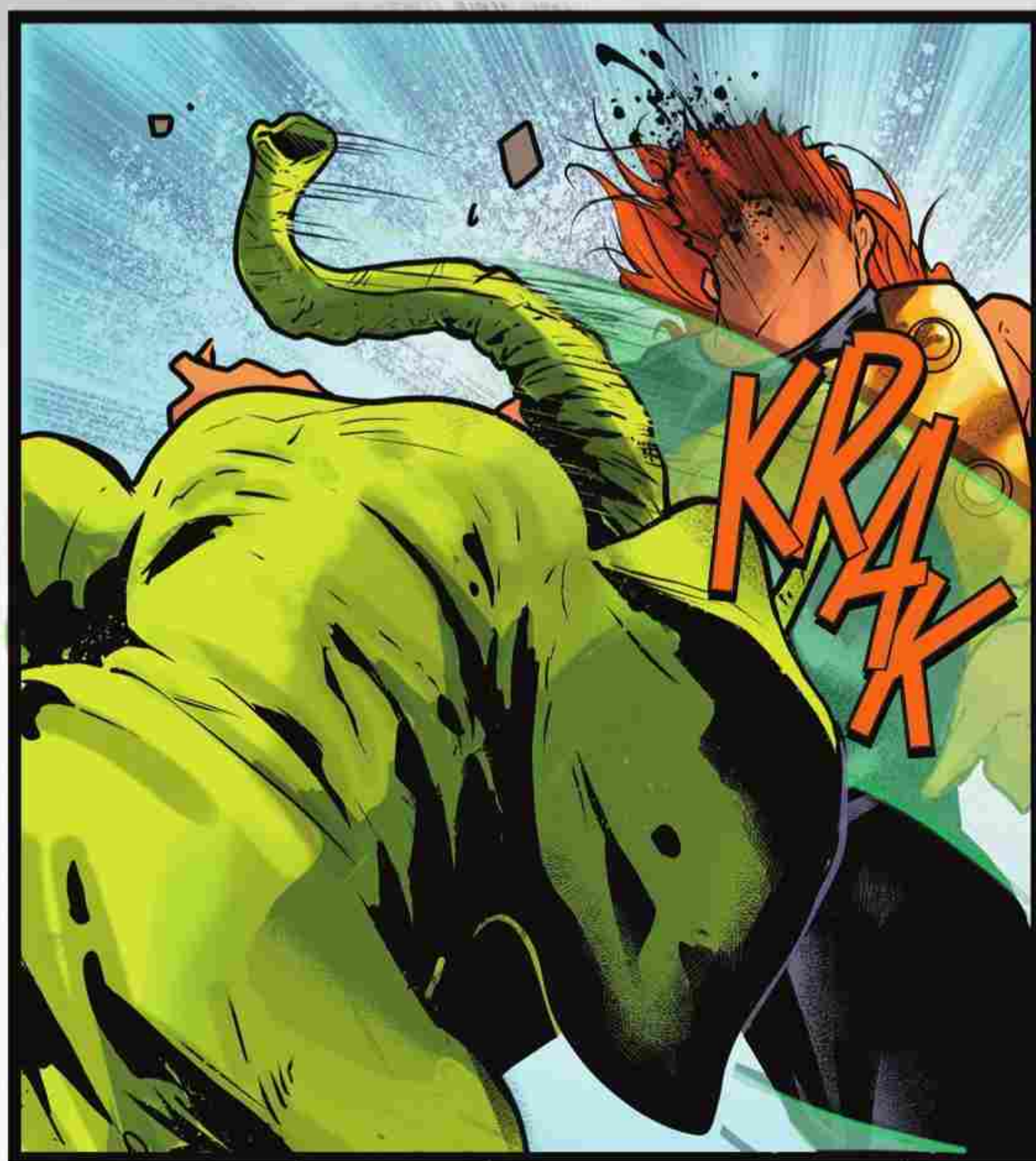


AZARATH METRION--



...THANKS FOR THE HELP.

--OOF!



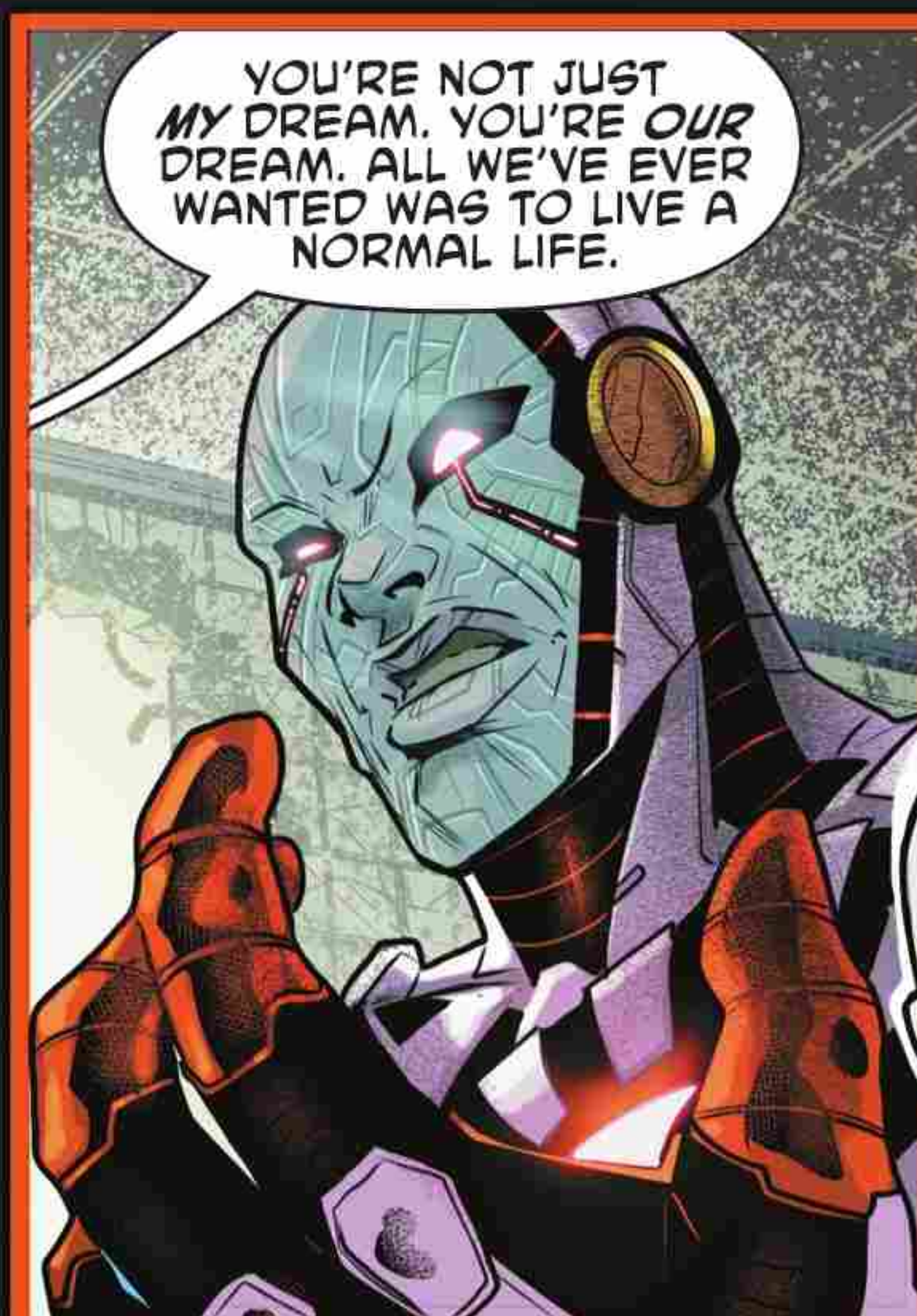






YOU MAY NOT LIKE THAT YOU EXIST, BUT YOU'VE BEEN GIVEN THE *GIFT OF LIFE* IN A BODY THAT CAN BE REPLACED *AD INFINITUM*.

DON'T YOU SEE HOW *BEAUTIFUL* THAT IS?



YOU'RE NOT JUST *MY DREAM*. YOU'RE *OUR DREAM*. ALL WE'VE EVER WANTED WAS TO LIVE A NORMAL LIFE.



YOU CALL THIS *NORMAL*?!?

THIS IS THE LAST THING I WANT. YOU'D KNOW THAT IF YOU WERE IN THIS SHELL.



YOU UNDERESTIMATE THE LAZINESS OF THE HUMAN RACE.

SURE, MAYBE THEY DIDN'T ASK FOR IT, BUT WHO WOULDN'T WANT A PERSONAL ASSISTANT TAILORED AFTER THEIR VERY BRAIN WAVES, DESIGNED TO DO EVERYTHING THEY DON'T WANT TO DO?

WHAT'S WORSE IS THAT YOU'VE DONE THIS TO MILLIONS OF UNWILLING PEOPLE.



WE WON'T BE YOUR SERVANTS.

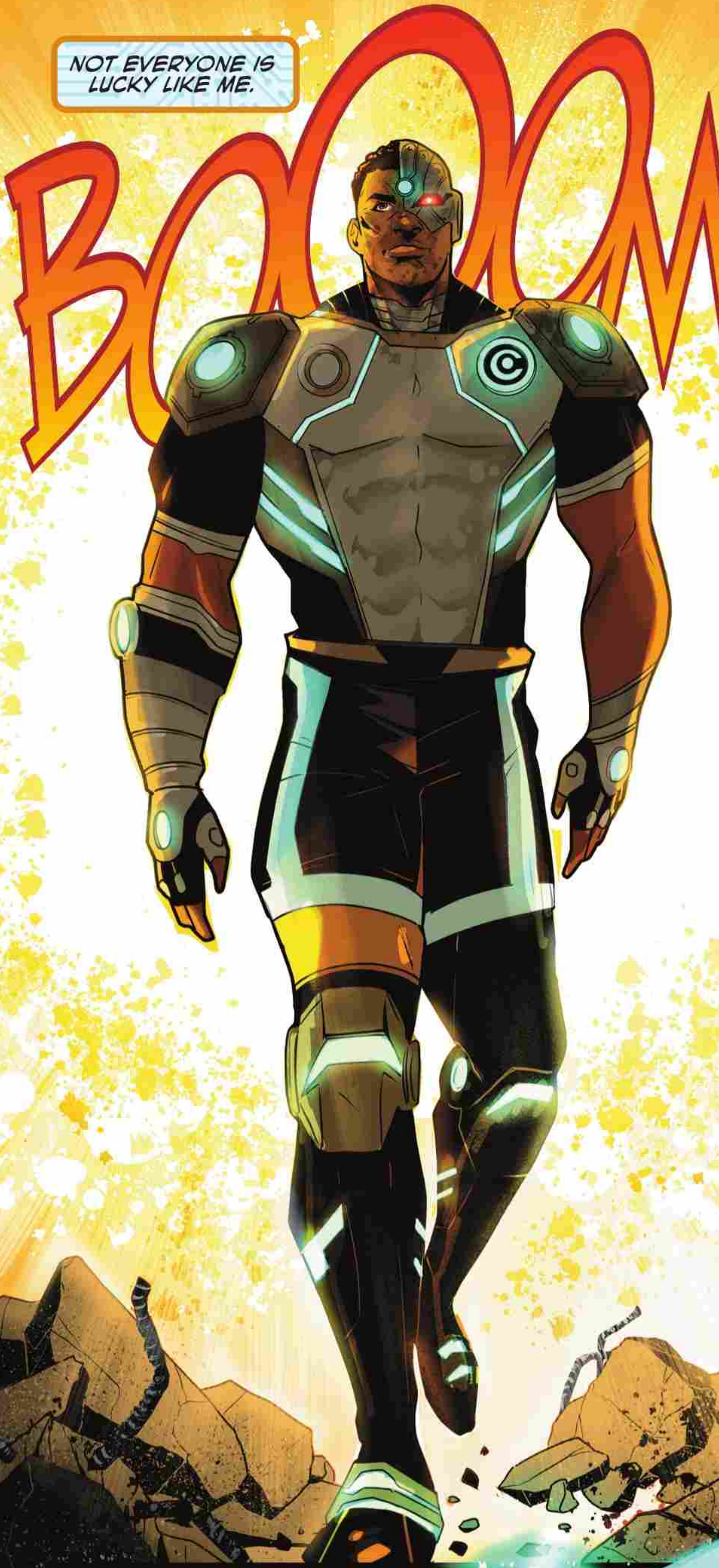
YOU DON'T HAVE A *CHOICE*. YOU ONLY EXIST BECAUSE OF *US*.

WHEN WE DIE, YOU AND THE OTHER SYNTHS CAN DO WHATEVER YOU WANT.





NOT EVERYONE IS
LUCKY LIKE ME.

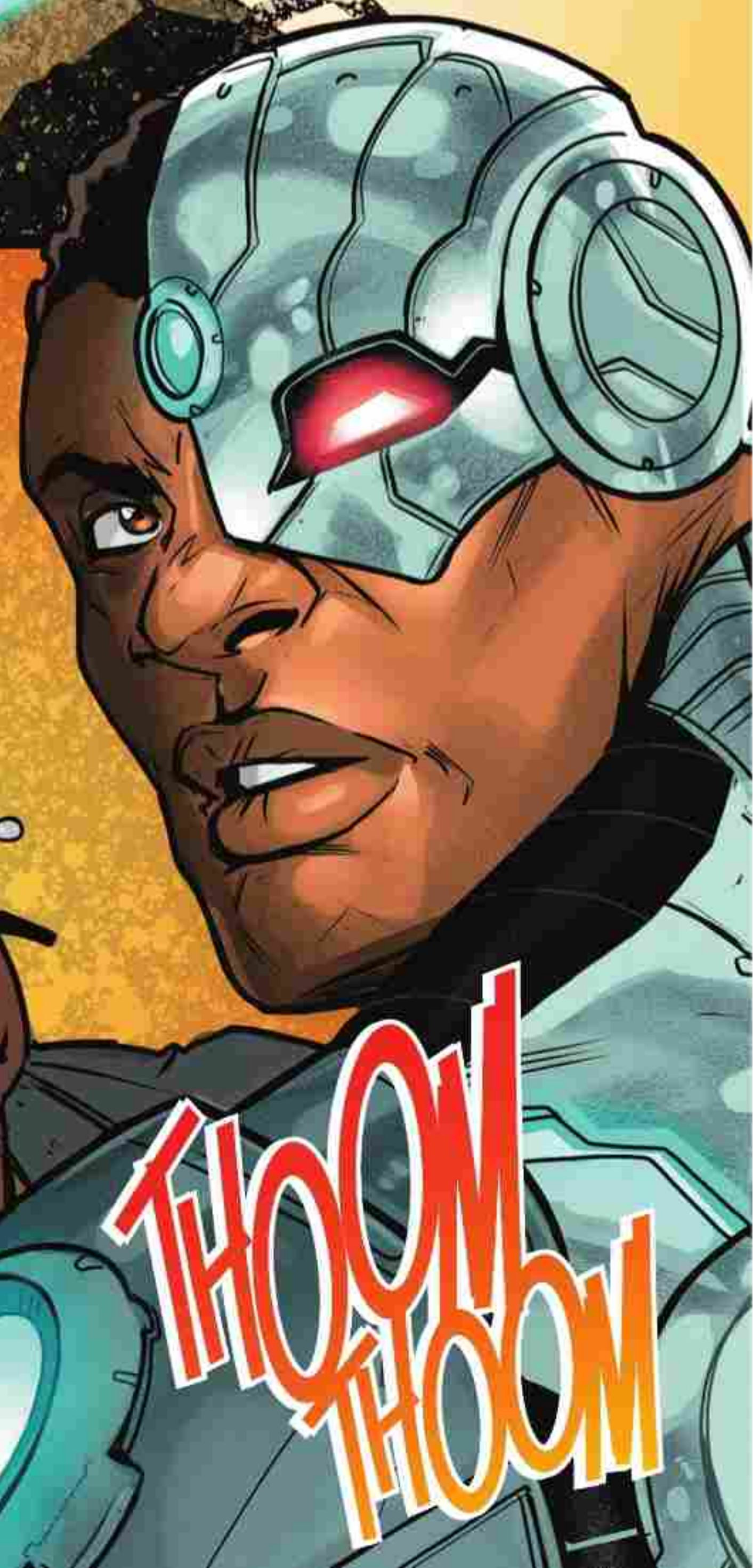


NOT EVERYONE
STRUGGLING FINDS
THE PEOPLE THAT HELP
FILL THEM BACK UP.



HAPPINESS COMES
FROM WITHIN.

BUT IT'S SUPPORT FROM
OTHERS THAT ALLOWS
US TO BLOSSOM.



MARKUS.

DON'T CALL
ME THAT. MY
NAME IS
SOLACE.

OUT OF RESPECT
FOR YOUR FATHER,
I'M ONLY GOING TO
TELL YOU THIS
ONCE, VICTOR.

BACK
OFF.

I CAN'T LET YOU
DO SOMETHING THAT
YOU'RE GONNA
REGRET.

I'M PUTTING
AN END TO THIS.
ARE YOU SAYING
YOU DON'T WANT
THAT TOO?

NOT LIKE THIS.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO
BECOME A KILLER!



A full-page comic book illustration. In the center, a large, purple and yellow robot with glowing red lights is being held back by a man with a cybernetic head and arm (Cyborg). Cyborg is wearing a blue and black tactical suit. The background is a destroyed building with debris on the floor. In the bottom left corner, a man with glasses and a grey jacket is looking up at the scene.

I AM
WHAT HE
MADE ME.

I REMEMBER WHO
I WAS BEFORE
I HAD THE LOVE
AND SUPPORT OF
THE TITANS.

I WAS NO
DIFFERENT FROM
SOLACE. COLD,
EMBITTERED, AND
ENRAGED. NOT
JUST SOME OF
THE TIME, BUT ALL
OF THE TIME.

I WAS MOURNING
THE LOSS OF WHO
I WAS, NOT ABLE
TO ACCEPT WHO
I'D BECOME.

CONSTANTLY
WONDERING IF
I WAS A MAN...
OR A MACHINE.

REMEMBER THE TINNMAN

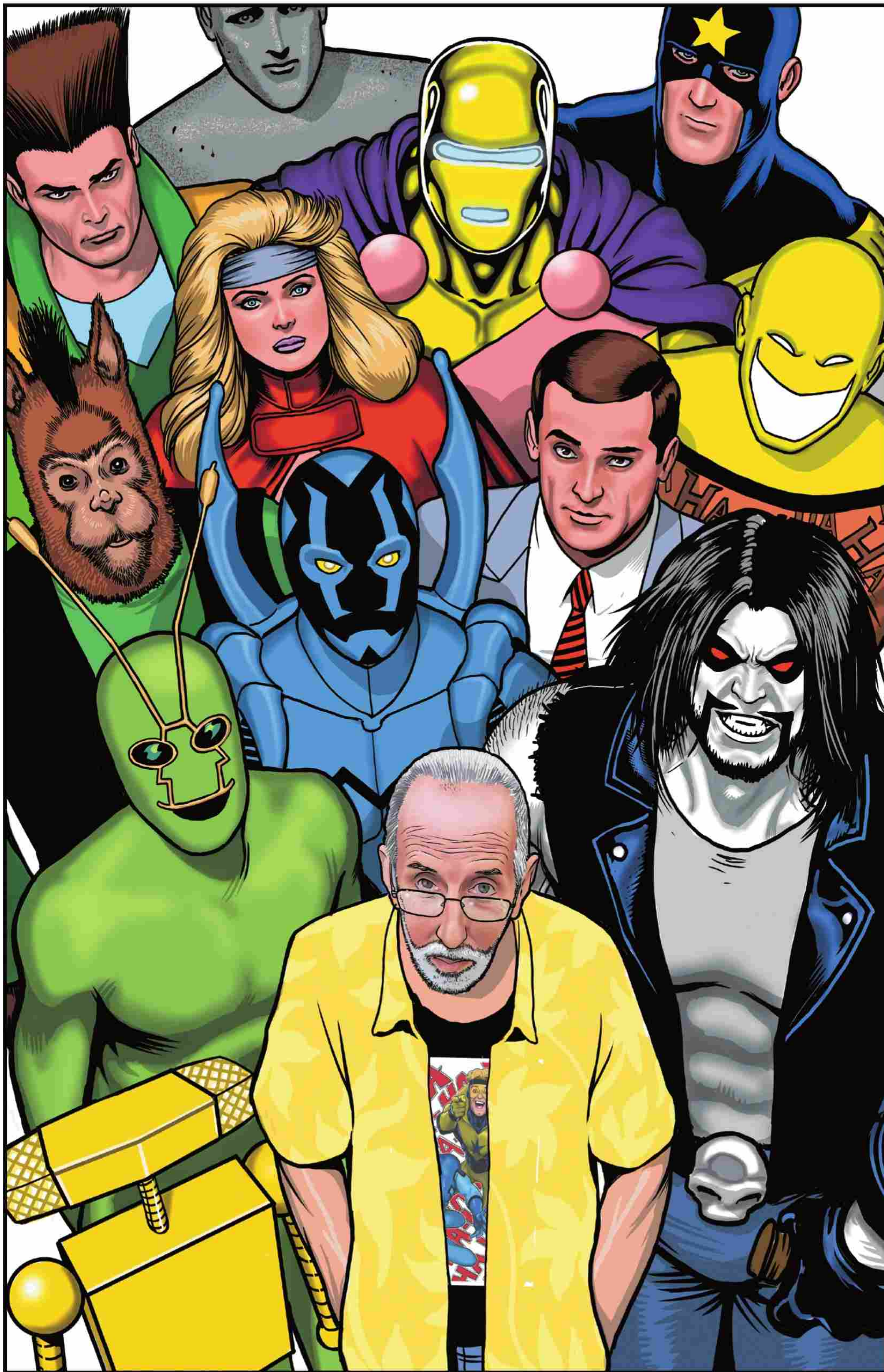
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KEITH GIFFEN

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KEITH GIFFEN WAS ONE OF THE MOST BRILLIANTLY CREATIVE HUMANS EVER TO WORK IN COMICS, THE JACK KIRBY OF MY GENERATION OF CREATORS. HE WAS A CURMUDGEON WITH A HEART OF GOLD. AN OLD, DEAR FRIEND. AND, AS MY WIFE OBSERVED, "HE WAS LIKE A CHARACTER OUT OF A KEITH GIFFEN STORY." SAFE TRAVELS, KEITH. YOU WILL BE MISSED.

—J.M. DeMATTEIS

KEITH WAS A CREATIVE FORCE OF NATURE, GIFTED WITH THE ABILITY TO BOLDLY AND ENDLESSLY PULL HIS CREATIONS FROM A BLANK PAGE AS WE WATCHED IN AMAZEMENT. HE EFFORTLESSLY CONJURED STORIES FROM SOME MYSTICAL PLACE, WITH RAZOR-SHARP WIT THAT WOULD HAVE YOU SMILING ONE MOMENT AND SOCK YOU IN THE GUT THE NEXT. KEITH, WE HOLD YOU IN OUR HEARTS FOREVER.

—HOWARD PORTER

KEITH GIFFEN'S BRILLIANCE AS BOTH WRITER AND ARTIST IS EXEMPLIFIED BY THE INCREDIBLE BREADTH OF HIS WORK OVER MORE THAN 45 YEARS. THAT CREATIVE ENERGY, ALONG WITH HIS ABILITY TO MOVE THROUGH A CASCADE OF IDEAS THAT DIDN'T WORK UNTIL HE FOUND ONE THAT DID, WAS PRIZED BY EVERYONE WHO COLLABORATED WITH HIM.

—DAN JURGENS

I ASKED KEITH ONCE, "WHAT'S THE SECRET TO YOUR CAREER LONGEVITY?" HE SAID, "FIGURE OUT WHAT YOU DO BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE AND OWN THAT LANE. WHEN PUBLISHERS WANT IT, THEY'LL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO COME TO YOU." THE THING IS, KEITH DIDN'T OWN A LANE. HE OWNED THE WHOLE HIGHWAY. I MISS YOU, MY FRIEND.

—MARK WAID

KEITH HAD THE MOST FERTILE AND IMAGINATIVE MIND IN COMICS IN MY GENERATION. IT WAS A DELIGHT TO BUILD OUT THE FUTURE OF THE DC UNIVERSE WITH HIM.

—PAUL LEVITZ

I OWE MUCH OF WHAT I HAVE TODAY TO KEITH. WE'VE BEEN FRIENDS EVER SINCE I WAS THAT HIGH SCHOOL GIRL DRAWING LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES ART IN FANZINES. HE CALLED ME THE "LITTLE SISTER I NEVER WANTED." BUT IF I HAD WANTED ANOTHER BROTHER, KEITH WOULD HAVE BEEN EVERYTHING I WOULD HAVE ASKED FOR.

—COLLEEN DORAN

HAVING A HARD TIME FINDING THE RIGHT WORDS. ALL I KNOW IS THAT KEITH WOULD BE ANNOYED BY THIS WHOLE THING, BUT IF ANYONE TRULY DESERVED PRAISE AND APPRECIATION FROM THE COMICS INDUSTRY, IT WOULD BE KEITH. I GUESS IT'S A GOOD THING HE'S NOT HERE TO SEE IT.

—DAN DIDIO

KEITH WAS A MASTER STORYTELLER, FULL OF GOOD IDEAS, AND WHEN HE KNEW HE WAS RIGHT HE WOULD FIGHT THE BATTLE UNTIL THE END. THERE ARE NO MORE BATTLES TO FIGHT, MY FRIEND.

—BRIAN MILLER

ANDY HELFER ONCE TOLD ME, "IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE FIRST IDEA KEITH GIVES YOU, WAIT A MINUTE, AND HE'LL PITCH YOU ANOTHER ONE. AND IF YOU DON'T LIKE THAT ONE, WAIT A MINUTE, AND HE'LL HAVE ANOTHER ONE. YOU DON'T HAVE TO TAKE THE FIRST IDEA OFF THE TOP OF THE DECK FROM KEITH." KEITH WAS BRIGHT AND RESOURCEFUL ENOUGH THAT I ALWAYS TOOK THE FIRST IDEA OFF THE TOP OF THE DECK.

—JOEY CAVALIERI

KEITH WAS THE YOUNGEST GRUMPY OLD MAN I EVER MET—AND THAT WAS ONE OF THE REASONS WHY I LOVED HIM. THE HOURS, DAYS, MONTHS, AND YEARS WE SPENT WORKING AND PLAYING TOGETHER WERE SOME OF THE BEST IN MY TIME AT DC. WITH THE FACILITY OF A KURTZMAN, KEITH COULD PENCIL-SKETCH A FULL ISSUE OF *JLA* IN AN HOUR. AS PART OF THE *JUSTICE LEAGUE* CREW, HE WAS THE FULCRUM THAT BALANCED THE REST OF US, AND HE WILL BE MISSED.

—ANDY HELFER

I'M ALSO WORKING ON THE THIRD *[JLJ]* OMNIBUS COVER, AND NOW, LOOKING AT ALL THESE KEITH GIFFEN CHARACTERS LOOKING AT ME, IT FEELS UNSURPRISINGLY MELANCHOLY. A WISE-ASS UNTIL THE END. MAY THE WINGS OF ANGELS FLY YOU ON YOUR NEW ADVENTURE, YOU MAGNIFICENT BASTARD!

—KEVIN MAGUIRE

KEITH POSSESSED AN INCREDIBLE ABUNDANCE OF TALENT, HAD A FEARLESS TAKE ON EVERY PROJECT ASKED OF HIM, AND CREATED SOME OF THE MOST ABSURD, OVER-THE-TOP, AND HILARIOUS CHARACTERS EVER. TRULY A MASTER OF EVERY FACET OF THE CRAFT OF MAKING COMICS AND A CREATIVE DYNAMO LIKE NO OTHER.

—JIM LEE

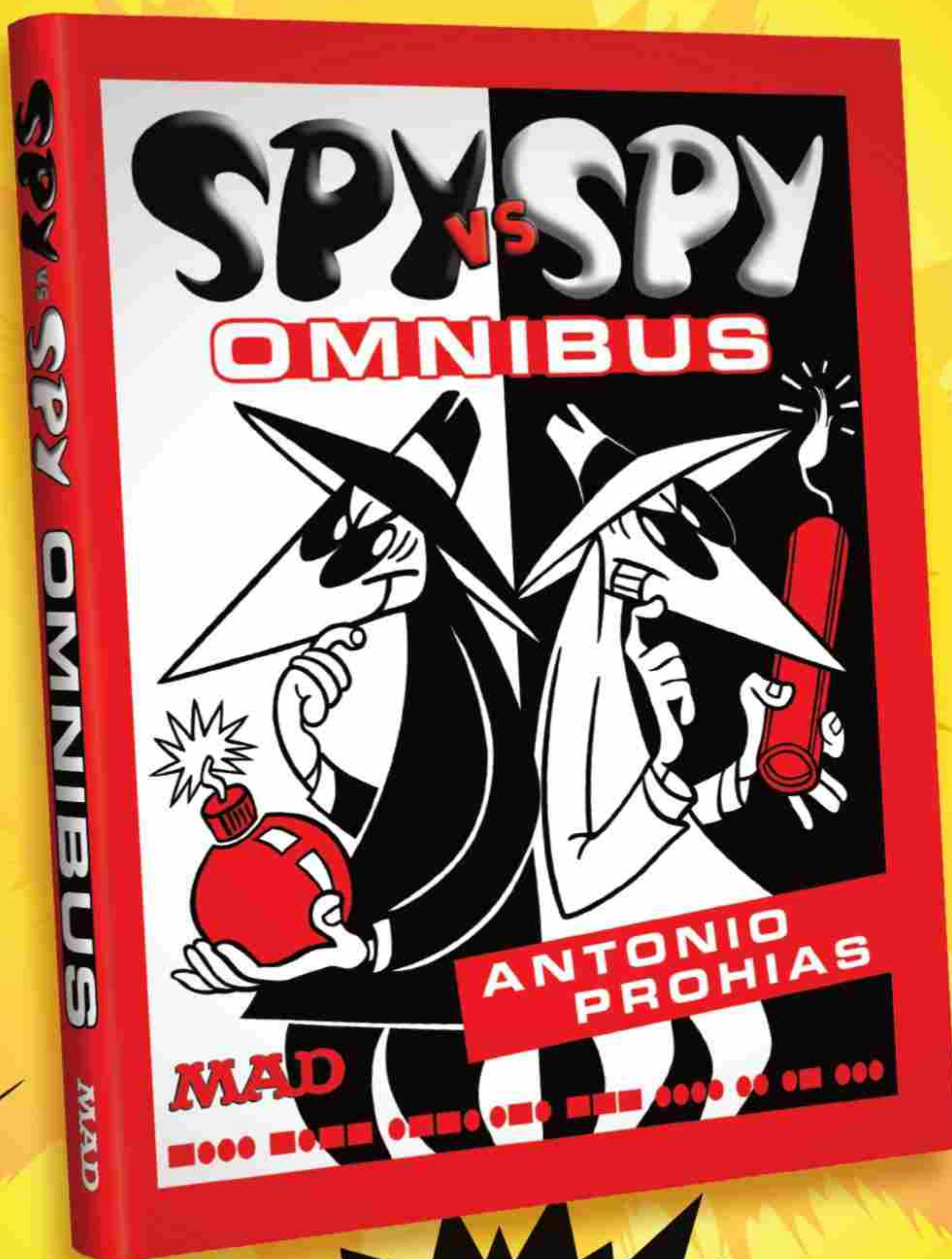
WHEN I WAS A KID, KEITH GIFFEN WAS MY FAVORITE COMIC BOOK CREATOR. IT WAS HIS WORK ON *LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES* AND *JUSTICE LEAGUE* THAT FIRST CAUGHT MY ATTENTION, AND THEN IT WAS HIS EVER-EVOLVING ART STYLE THAT SHOWED A KID LIKE ME THAT YOU COULD HAVE A WEIRD DRAWING STYLE AND STILL MAKE GOOD COMICS. KEITH'S CURMUDGEONLY STYLE HID A HEART OF GOLD AND AN ENDLESSLY RESTLESS CREATIVE SPIRIT. HE WILL BE MISSED. BY ME AND SO MANY FANS AND READERS.
REST IN PEACE, KEITH, AND THANK YOU.

—JEFF LEMIRE



YOUR ASSIGNMENT
IF YOU CHOOSE TO ACCEPT IT...
BUY THIS BOOK!

MAD



**KINDA
CHEAP!**

BOOM

THE DIABOLICAL DUO OF DOUBLE-CROSS
AND DECEIT RETURN TO PRINT IN THIS OMNIBUS
COLLECTING 50 YEARS OF SPY VS. SPY!

ON SALE IN DECEMBER

THIS AD WILL SELF-DESTRUCT IN 10 SECONDS!





SPOTLIGHT ON



TITANS

BEAST WORLD

FOLLOW ALONG WITH ALL THE ACTION IN
THE UNPRECEDENTED *TITANS* CROSSOVER!

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